

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this amendment, claims 1-6, 9, and 30-34 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 7, 10-12, 14 and 29 are amended. Claims 7-8 and 10-29 are currently pending in the application. Claims 13-28 were allowed and claim 34 was objected to but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The courtesy of the telephone interview extended by Examiner Jaime Holliday with undersigned counsel for applicant is gratefully acknowledged. It is understood that the present amendment was discussed and agreed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim 7 is amended to include the conjunctive features of claim 9, which has been canceled, and claims 10-11 are amended to depend from claim 7 for proper antecedents. The examiner indicated that the conjunctive form of claim 9 was allowable.

Claim 12 is rewritten in the conjunctive and in independent form to include the features of original claim 7 from which it depended. The examiner indicated that the conjunctive form of claim 12 was allowable.

Claim 14 is rewritten in independent form to include the features of original claim 7 from which it depended. Claim 14 was indicated as allowed in the final office action, but is amended to independent form because the base claim was rejected.

Claim 29 is amended to recite the features presented in claims 30-34, which have been canceled. Claim 34 was indicated as being allowable but objected to as written in dependent form.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and further examination of the application as amended and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. The undersigned is available by telephone if any remaining issues can be resolved in this manner.

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